SUBJECT No. 11.

The Mysore Mines Regulation.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) How many cases under this Regulation were brought before the Magistrate in 1908-09?

(2) How many ended in conviction? and

(3) In how many cases reliance was placed on the evidence of the expert witness regarding the quality of the gold in question?

Reply of Government.—(1) Ninety-eight cases involving 119 persons were brought to trial under the Regulation, of which (2) 84 ended in the conviction of 93 persons, and 13 involving 25 persons in acquittal, while the remaining one case involving one person was committed to the Madras High Court Sessions where the accused was convicted under Sections 381 and 411 of the Indian Penal Code. (3) Expert evidence was taken only in three cases, with reference to "gold," and of these, 2 ended in conviction (including that committed to the Madras High Court), and the remaining one in acquittal, on merits, and which had nothing to do with expert evidence.

SUBJECT No. 12.

Amendment of the Land Revenue Code.

Messrs. S. Sitaramiah and S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality; Veene Rangasami Iyengar and K. Krishnachar, Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) A section similar to Section 310 A of the Civil Procedure Code may be inserted in the Land Revenue Code.

(2) According to the existing rules, a purchaser obtaining lands in sales for revenue arrears or on *darkhast*, has to pay up the balance of sale amount within 15 days after sale. This being inconvenient, a month's time may be allowed in such cases. It is also stated to be under contemplation to introduce a provision similar to that contained in Section 310, Civil Procedure Code. If sales can be cancelled at any time within a month on the defaulter producing the arrears with interest, there can be no objection to extend the period of payment of the balance of the purchase money to one month.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 13.

Amendment of the Village Offices Regulation, No. IV of 1908.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Section 8 of this Regulation may be amended, as the present rule causes hardship to patels and shanbhogs.

The power to exclude a claimant on the ground of general bad character, etc., should be vested in the Revenue Commissioner and not in the Deputy Commissioners. Some provision should be made for the maintenance of sonless widows of deceased *huckdars*.

Reply of Government.—The representations will be considered in connection with the rules.